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Gulf Conflict

Iraqi warplanes attacked a very large maritime target south of Khark Island on 7 August, hitting the target "accurately and effectively," an Iraqi military spokesman announced in a statement broadcast by Voice of the Masses radio. INA later reported that an Iraqi missile had hit the Liberian-chartered tanker *Friendship L*, causing undetermined damage. This report was confirmed by a Lloyd's representative, according to INA. The attack followed Iraqi First Deputy Prime Minister Taha Yasin Ramadan's warning, reported by INA, that Iraq would take new and more effective measures to tighten the siege of Khark Island. Ramadan was speaking in Ankara, where he also announced that Iraq and Turkey have agreed to construct a new oil pipeline with a capacity of over 500,000 barrels per day, according to INA.

Meanwhile, Iraqi RCC Deputy Chairman 'Izzat Ibrahim continued his Gulf tour with brief visits to Qatar and the UAE, WAKH noted.

Red Sea, Gulf of Suez

Egypt has its own measures to protect the waters of the Gulf of Suez but cannot speak about them openly at the moment, Egyptian President Husni Mubarak stated in remarks reported by MENA. He indicated that Egypt is likely to request minesweeping helicopters from the United States. In a related statement reported by MENA, Egyptian Defense Minister 'Abd al-Halim Abu Ghazalah stressed that the Gulf of Suez is safe for international shipping and that the explosions in the area were not caused by mines but by less powerful devices designed to cause confusion rather than to destroy ships. If a country is responsible for these incidents, he added, it is evidently not trying to block maritime routes but is retaliating for what is going on in the Gulf area.

Meanwhile, an Iranian press editorial cited by Tehran radio's Arabic service warned against linking the explosions in the Gulf of Suez and the Red Sea with the Iran-Iraq war, claiming that hostile sides such as the CIA are blaming Iran for the explosions in order to incite public opinion against the Islamic republic. Nevertheless, a commentary by the radio praised the planting of the mines by "a revolutionary Muslim organization" as another blow against "the arrogant powers," adding that not only Islamic land but also Muslim seas and waters are now forbidden to "the colonizers and the invaders."

Mubarak in Yugoslavia

President Mubarak began talks in Yugoslavia with his SFRY counterpart Veselin Djuranovic, MENA reported. Egyptian Foreign Minister 'Ismat 'Abd al-Majid said the discussions were held in an "extremely friendly atmosphere," the agency added.

Iran

Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeyni received Prime Minister Mir-Hoseyn Musavi, an envoy from Ayatollah Hoseyn 'Ali Montazeri, and families and Majlis deputies from Bakhtaran, Tehran radio reported. The clandestine Radio Iran contended that the meetings were arranged in order to dispel rumors pertaining to Khomeyni's illness.

Israel

Alignment leader Shim'on Peres and Likud leader Prime Minister Yitzhaq Shamir met to discuss the establishment of a unity government, Jerusalem radio reported. In remarks broadcast by the radio, Peres said the talks were "very sincere" and were held in a "very friendly atmosphere." It was decided to continue the discussions on 9 August, according to the radio.

In a related development, the MAPAM faction of the Alignment failed to pass a resolution against the establishment of a national unity government with the Likud, Jerusalem television reported. Meanwhile, National Religious Party leader Yosef Burg rejected the Alignment's proposal to freeze settlement plans and make concessions to Jordan, Jerusalem radio noted.

Lebanon

Three IDF soldiers were wounded by a roadside bomb northeast of Tyre, IDF radio announced.

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Prime Minister Keshtmand Leaves for USSR

LD061523 Kabul BAKHTAR in Dari 1245 GMT 6 Aug 84

[Text] Kabul, 6 Aug (BAKHTAR) — Soltan Ali Keshtmand, member of the Politburo of the PDPA Central Committee and Chairman of the DRA Council of Ministers, this morning left for the Soviet Union for a brief stay.

At Kabul International Airport Soltan Ali Keshtmand was seen off by Saleh Mohammad Ziray, member of the Politburo and secretariat of the PDPA Central Committee, and other members of the Politburo, vice chairmen and members of the Council of Ministers, and Aleksandr Abolov, charge d'affaires of the Soviet Embassy in Kabul.

Daily Decries New U.S. Aid Allocation for Rebels

LD070616 Kabul BAKHTAR in English 0451 GMT 7 Aug 84

[Text] Kabul, August 6, BAKHTAR — According to international news media the concerned committee of the House of Representatives of the U.S. has recently endorsed the allocation of another 50 million dollars to the Afghan counter-revolutionaries in Pakistan and Iran, writes daily *HAQIQAT-E ENQELAB-SAWR*. The new allocation has been endorsed in addition to the 70 million dollars already allotted by the CIA apparatus for the same purpose.

In accordance with the published figures in the news media, only the USA has put almost 218 million dollars at the disposal of the Afghan counter-revolutionaries for the procurement of arms and munitions till the year 1983. More than 100 million dollars have been granted by the CIA to the ringleaders of the counter-revolutionaries in the same period.

The United States has been able to get 600 million dollars from its NATO allies, the Arab and regional reactionary countries for the same purpose. Thus, the volume of these aids has surpassed one billion dollars.

Washington has completely realized that in spite of the flooding of diverse "assistance" to the Afghan counter-revolutionaries, it is not able to attain its strategic objectives in the region. Washington administration, in the wake of its ignominious defeats in the undeclared war against Afghanistan, has resorted to a new strategy. It tries to establish the so-called "government in exile" of Afghanistan beyond the frontiers of the country. This heinous plan of Washington, which is regarded as a flagrant and shameless violation of the international norms and laws, has been divulged long time ago, and is seriously denounced by the progressive and peace-loving countries of the world.

However, these desperate efforts will not divert the people of Afghanistan from the path, they have already chosen, the daily concludes.

Victories Over Rebels in Provinces Continue

Kabul Domestic Service in Dari 1600 GMT 6 Aug 84

[Excerpts] In continuation of the successful operations by the country's security forces in cooperation with our noble compatriots to cleanse villages and hamlets from the foul existence of rebel bands, recently a number of rebels were crushed and 22 rebels were captured in Ghazni Province.

According to another report, a number of armed rebels, including Mir Halim, leader of the criminal Gulboddin band, were crushed in operations recently carried out by the security forces in Parwan Province. The security forces seized a rocket-launcher and 6 assorted weapons.

Similarly, in the course of operations by the vigilant security forces in Qandahar and Paktia Provinces a number of armed rebels, who, on the orders of their imperialist masters had disrupted people's peaceful lives and engaged in terror and plundering, were crushed. A quantity of weapons and ammunition was seized from them.

A BAKHTAR correspondent reports from Helmand, Badghis, Baghlan and Vardak Provinces that recently 11 deceived persons, who were cooperating with rebels, realized the truth of the April Revolution and taking advantage of the amnesty decree of the DRA revolutionary council, surrendered with their weaponsto security forces.

Reportage on Visit of Iran's Sheykh ol-Eslam

Arrival in Dhaka

LD041804 Tehran IRNA in English 1735 GMT 4 Aug 84

[Text] Dhaka, Aug. 4, IRNA — Deputy Foreign Minister in Political Affairs Hoseyn Sheykh ol-Eslam arrived here today for two days of talks with Bangladesh officials here on economic and political relations between the two countries.

He will also pass on a written message from President 'Ali Khamene'i to his Bangladeshi counterpart General Mohammad Ershad.

On his arrival at the airport Sheykh ol-Eslam said economic relations between Iran and Islamic countries such as Bangladesh strengthened after the Islamic Revolution and such visits would have an important impact on future relations.

On the Iraqi-imposed war, he said the Islamic Republic expected Islamic countries to take side with the truth and he added that the "peace committee" of the Organisation of Islamic Conference "has lost its credibility."

Sheykh ol-Eslam also thanked Bangladesh for not accepting the chairmanship of the committee.

Meeting With President

LD051025 Tehran IRNA in English 0725 GMT 5 Aug 84

[Text] Dhaka, Aug 5, IRNA: Deputy Foreign Minister in Charge of Political Affairs Hoseyn Sheykh ol-Eslam Saturday met President Hussain Mohammad Ershad of Bangladesh and presented him with a written message from President 'Ali Khamene'i.

Bilateral ties and international issues were the topics of their talks. During the meeting, Gen. Ershad expressed willingness for expanding political, economic, trade and cultural ties with the Islamic Republic.

The Iranian official at the meeting announced Iran's readiness to cooperate with Bangladesh in these fields.

Sheykh ol-Eslam added that regarding Islamic unity and for historical and cultural viewpoints of Muslims, Iran is interested in cooperating with Islamic countries and expanding brethren ties.

Gen. Ershad also welcomed and announced support for Iran's project on the expulsion of the Zionist regime from the United Nations.

Explaining the dimension of Saddam Husayn's aggression against the Islamic Republic, Sheykh ol-Eslam said that peace and stability were important for the region and there would be no security and peace in the region until the removal of crisis in the region.

Referring to the peace committee of the Islamic Conference Organisation, Sheykh ol-Eslam said that the committee did not condemn the aggressor air bombings of residential areas, contamination of Persian Gulf waters and deployment of chemical weapons by Saddam Husayn, and their creation of crisis in the Persian Gulf.

He added that it is not a peace committee but a committee to support Saddam Husayn, and regarding his stance, it lacks qualification for taking any positive step.

6 August Departure

LD061924 Tehran IRNA in English 1738 GMT 6 Aug 84

[Text] Dhaka, Aug 6 IRNA — At the end of a visit by Iranian deputy foreign minister for political affairs, it was announced here that the Bangladeshi Government has agreed to an Iranian plan for the expulsion of the Zionist regime from the United Nations.

Sheykh ol-Eslam, who presented a message from Iranian President Khamene'i to Mohammad Ershad of Bangladesh, left here on Monday, concluding his two-day official visit.

According to Sheykh ol-Eslam, in an interview with IRNA here, he had discussed expansion of economic ties between the two countries with Bangladeshi officials. He also said that in discussions with the Minister of Information Shamsul Haq cultural cooperation and exchange of students were reviewed. In talks with the Bangladeshi oil minister it was decided that existing contracts would be renewed, said the deputy foreign minister.

Agreement Ends Strike in Media Dispute

BK070740 Dhaka Domestic Service in English 0110 GMT 7 Aug 84

[Text] An agreement has been reached among newspaper owners, journalists, press workers, and general employees on the decision of the wage board award of 1983. The agreement has been signed by the owners of the *DAINIK AZAD*, the *BANGLAR BAI*, the *DAINIK JANATA*, the *BANGLADESH TIMES*, the *DAINIK BANGLA*, the [word indistinct], and BSS and representatives of the BFUJ [Bangladesh Federal Union of Journalists], DUJ [Dhaka Union of Journalists], CUJ [Chittagong Union of Journalists], KUJ [Khulna Union of Journalists], press workers federation and general employees federation. The journalists and workers of these units have called off their strike and will resume work today.

The agreement was reached on the basis of some concessions given by the government. The concessions include enhancement of advertisement rates, withdrawal of rebate and advertisement bill and rationalization of advertisement policy. The agreement was reached at a meeting held at the initiative of Information Minister Mohammad Shamsul Haq at his residence yesterday. Official sources say it is expected that other newspapers and news agencies establishments will reach agreement on same basis and all newspapers will be published from today.

Continued Reportage on Prime Minister in Himachal

Speaks to Soldiers

BK060736 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0240 GMT 6 Aug 84

[Text] The prime minister has said that India wants peace and friendship with all countries, especially the neighbours. But India has to remain vigilant as we had been attacked five times and sophisticated arms have been stockpiled in our neighbourhood. Mrs Gandhi was addressing officers and jawans [soldiers] of the border roads organization at Atinghi in Lahaul Valley of Himachal Pradesh yesterday. Referring to Punjab, the prime minister said, the center is keen to withdraw the Army from the Golden Temple complex as early as possible. However, she pointed out flushing out of terrorists and ensuring full security to the people of Punjab is still under way. About kar sewa [voluntary community service], she said reconstruction and repair of the Akal Takht [the highest seat of the Sikh religion] is necessary in the larger interest of communal harmony. Addressing a public meeting at Kaza Mrs Gandhi criticized the agitational approach to solve problems. This only retards our progress. She asked the people to maintain peace and strengthen unity so that the country can make speedy progress.

Accuses Opposition, Discusses Elections

BK061427 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1230 GMT 6 Aug 84

[Text] The prime minister, Mrs Gandhi, has accused the opposition parties of supporting all the demands of the Akali Dal without giving any consideration to the interests of the country as a whole and its integrity. Addressing a public meeting at Bilaspur on the last day of her 3-day visit to Himachal Pradesh, she said although no formal invitation has been issued to the Akali Dal, the government is always prepared to solve the Punjab problem through negotiation. She called upon the youth not to be misled by certain disgruntled and misguided elements and advised them to render service through socioeconomic activities for which opportunities have been created.

Later, speaking to newsmen, the prime minister said that a popular government will be installed in Punjab as soon as normalcy is restored. Replying to a question, the prime minister said that parliamentary elections will be held only on the due date. She ruled out the possibility of holding assembly elections in Himachal Pradesh along with the parliamentary elections.

ISI 'Clarifies' Gandhi Charge

BK061443 [Editorial Report] Delhi ISI Diplomatic Information Service in English at 1430 GMT on 6 August carries the following "clarification" to the item published under the subhead "ISI: U.S. 'Abetting' Separatism" on page E 3 of the 6 August South Asia *DAILY REPORT*:

In reference to paragraph four: "An official spokesman has clarified that the prime minister has been incorrectly quoted in the reports appearing in papers on August 6 that addressing the officers and jawans of the border road organisation at Kyelang in the Lahaul and Spiti District of Himachal Pradesh she charged a Washington based espionage agency with abetment of separatism in Punjab. She was only reiterating what she had often stated earlier — namely that separatist movements have their origin and support from abroad. She made no reference to any support by any government agencies but cautioned people to be vigilant about dangers of secessionist movements instigated from abroad.

"At a public meeting at Kulu on August 6 the prime minister has herself denied these reports. She said that 'there are some people in foreign countries who have gone abroad and who have become rich, do not know what is the position in India and they are helping such people — extremists in India — and incite them.' She said she did not mention any country or organisation either now or earlier."

Coverage Continues on Madras Bombing Incident

Joint Inquiry Ruled Out

BK061609 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1530 GMT 6 Aug 84

[Excerpt] The Lok Sabha has been told that a high level inquiry has been ordered into the explosion at the Madras airport on the 2d of this month. The inquiry being conducted by the director general of civil aviation will examine among other things whether on receipt of information of the bomb threat, the personnel on duty at Madras airport acted promptly and in conformity with the prescribed procedure. Making a statement in the house, the minister of tourism and civil aviation, Mr Khursheed Alam Khan, said it will not be correct on his part to speculate on the motives and designs behind this tragic incident as facts have first to be established conclusively.

Mr Khursheed Alam Khan ruled out a joint inquiry with the Sri Lankan Government into the bomb blast. Replying to members in the Rajya Sabha who sought clarifications on his statement on the incident, the minister said there is no question of a joint inquiry and at no stage has India agreed to such an inquiry.

Police Hunt Tamil Suspect

BK051040 Hong Kong AFP in English 1015 GMT 5 Aug 84

[Excerpt] New Delhi, Aug 5 (AFP) — Indian police have begun an intensive search for a 29-year-old militant separatist Tamil, Marimuthu Kadiresan, suspected of responsibility for a bomb blast that claimed 32 lives Thursday at Madras airport, a Madras police spokesman said today. The spokesman said that Mr Kadiresan took refuge in India in July last year following bloody anti-Tamil riots in Sri Lanka, a PRESS TRUST OF INDIA (PTI) report said.

The police keep a tight watch over leading Sri Lankan refugees thought to be Tamil activists fighting for independence for the northern part of Sri Lanka. Most of the refugees live in the

southern Indian state of Tamil Nadu, whose capital is Madras, opposite the island of Sri Lanka.

Civil aviation sources here are now convinced that the bombs planted in two suitcases exploded by mistake at Madras airport. The authorities in Colombo also believe this, according to another PTI report. The Indian police think the bombs were intended for an Air Lanka Madras-Colombo flight Thursday night, while Sri Lankan security officials suspect they were planned to explode aboard two Air Lanka flights to London and Paris from Colombo.

The Indian authorities have launched two investigations into the explosion, one on a nationwide scale and [one] confined to Tamil Nadu State.

Indian Civil Aviation Minister Khursheed Alam Khan has not ruled out foreign involvement in the blast, and several press reports here today cited as a possible culprit the Israeli secret service Mosad, which for several weeks has been training Sri Lankan security forces in anti-terrorism techniques.

This theory is supported by several Tamil liberation movements, which have condemned "the hand of the Israeli Mosad, hired by the Colombo government to suppress the struggle for liberation of the island's ethnic minority."

Meanwhile, Sri Lankan High Commissioner to India Bernard Tilakaratna, who has been at the scene of the explosion since Friday, said that initial inquiries "clearly" showed there was no Israeli connection.

More Arrests in Punjab; Police Conduct Searches

BK041640 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1530 GMT 3 Aug 84

[Text] In Punjab, the security forces have apprehended 16 more suspected terrorists since yesterday. An official spokesman said in Chandigarh that seven of them were arrested from Jullundur, six from Amritsar and three from Ferozepore districts. Four pistols and 100 rounds of ammunition have also been recovered from their possession. The spokesman said that one of the arrested in Amritsar is a hard-core terrorist wanted by the police for a long time.

In Amritsar, two miscreants hijacked a school bus for children this morning. The bus along with all except one child was later abandoned by them in a nearby village, (Bala). A third accomplice of the miscreants on a motorcycle is reported to have joined them in the village. The police have since launched a massive search for the miscreants and the abducted child.

Prohibitory Orders Imposed in Orissa After Violence

BK040726 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0240 GMT 4 Aug 84

[Text] In Orissa, prohibitory orders have been promulgated in the municipal area of Bhubaneshwar following violent incidents during a student rally. Police resorted to lathi [baton] charge and tear gas to disperse the unruly demonstrators. The rally was taken out in protest against the recent (Mulna) incident turned violent. The demonstrators indulged in throwing stones and soda bottles at the police. Many police vehicles, residential houses, and two hotels have been damaged. The demonstrators also set on fire two cars and a jeep and ransacked the pradesh [state] Congress-I Bhava [office].

Protesters Injured Near Calcutta U.S. Consulate

OW031945 Hong Kong AFP in English 1921 GMT 3 Aug 84

[Text] New Delhi, Aug 3 (AFP) — Three bombs exploded during a demonstration organised by the activists of the ruling Congress Party near the U.S. Consulate-General in Calcutta today leaving six policemen and one civilian injured, PRESS TRUST OF INDIA reported. The protest was prompted by reports of Sikh militants showing disrespect to the Indian national flag at the Los Angeles Olympics.

PTI said the injuries suffered by the seven were not serious.

The protestors burned an effigy of President Reagan and presented a memorandum to an official of the consulate-general on the Los Angeles. [sentence as received]

Delhi Reports on 24-Hour Strike in Tripura

BK070916 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0830 GMT 7 Aug 84

[Text] In Tripura, no untoward incident has so far been reported from anywhere during the 24-hour Tripura bundh [strike] which began this morning. The call for the bundh was given by the state Youth Congress-I Committee on 6-point demands. These include declaration of the entire Tripura as disturbed area.

Quoting official sources, All India Radio Agartala correspondent reports that in the civil secretariat there was 75 percent attendance. All schools and colleges and bus service of the state are closed. All private vehicles and rickshaws are also off the road. The police arrested 12 persons in the civil secretariat for picketing.

Minister on Measures To Check Assam Infiltration

BK050717 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0240 GMT 5 Aug 84

[Text] The union minister of state for home, Mr Venkatasubbiah, has said the center has taken up various measures to check infiltration of foreigners in Assam. He was inaugurating a 2-day state level convention of the party legislators in Gauhati yesterday.

Mr Venkatasubbiah said the violence had retarded the progress of the state and threatened the unity and integrity of the country. He appealed to the Assam agitationists to give up the path of violence and adopt democratic methods to find out an amicable solution of the foreigners' issue.

Lok Sabha Opposition Members Stage Walkouts

BK061254 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1230 GMT 6 Aug 84

[Text] In the Lok Sabha today, the opposition members staged walkout on two occasions after they failed to stall the introduction of the National Security Amendment Bill and the Terrorist Affected Areas Special Courts Bill. Several opposition members (?spoke) for about 2 hours raising various objections to the bills. The national security bill to replace the presidential ordinance issued earlier, they said, is against the spirit of the Constitution and provides arbitrary powers to the executive.

Two Candidates Qualify To Run for Vice President

BK040930 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0830 GMT 4 Aug 84

[Excerpt] The Congress-I nominee, Mr Venkataraman, and Mr B.C. Kamble, the joint opposition candidate, are left in the field for the vice presidential election after scrutiny today. The secretary general of the Lok Sabha, Dr Subhash Kashyap, who is the returning officer for the election, told newsmen that the nomination papers of both the candidates have been found valid. The papers of 12 other candidates were rejected on various grounds.

Tiwari Sworn In as Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister

BK031248 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1230 GMT 3 Aug 84

[Excerpt] Mr Narain Dutt Tiwari has taken over as the chief minister of Uttar Pradesh. Mr Tiwari, who was earlier in the day unanimously elected leader of the Uttar Pradesh Congress-I legislature party, was sworn in this afternoon. The oath of office was administered by the governor, Mr C.P.N. Singh, at Raj Bhavan [Governor House] in Lucknow.

Parthasarathy To Head Policy Planning Committee

BK041406 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1230 GMT 4 Aug 84

[Text] Mr G. Parthasarathy will take over as chairman of the Policy Planning Committee in the Ministry of External Affairs on Monday. A spokesman of the ministry said in New Delhi today that Mr Parthasarathy will hold the rank of a cabinet minister. It may be recalled that he held the same position from 1975 to 1977 with the rank of a minister of state. Earlier, Mr D.P. Dhar had functioned as chairman with the rank of a cabinet minister. The committee has well laid out terms of reference. These include formulating the objectives of the Indian foreign policy and long-term programs for their achievement. The committee will also assess international policies, economic trends, and the overall security environment. It would also coordinate the research and planning activities within the Ministry of External Affairs. In addition, the chairman will be associated with the framing of current policies in the ministry and undertake such other duties as assigned by the prime minister.

Four Atomic Plants 'Working Satisfactorily'

BK061119 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0830 GMT 6 Aug 84

[Text] The science and technology minister, Mr Shivraj Patil, has emphatically said that four of the five atomic power plants in the country are working satisfactorily. The two units of the Tarapur plant have completed 14 years of commercial operation. Each of them has been producing its installed capacity of 210 megawatt. Mr Patil was making a statement in response to a call attention notice on the functioning of various atomic power plants in the country. It was raised by Mr (Suresh Karnade), Congress-S, and others.

International Inspection Ruled Out

BK061424 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1230 GMT 6 Aug 84

[Text] The minister of state for atomic energy, Mr Shivraj Patil, has expressed the confidence that despite several constraints, Indian scientists will succeed in developing indigenously the highly sophisticated technology required for building atomic power plants. He was replying to a call attention motion of Mr (Suresh Karnade), Congress-S, and four others on the functioning of various atomic power plants in the country.

Replying to a question the minister ruled out a suggestion that India should agree to an international inspection of its atomic power plants. Mr Patil said as long as other developed countries do not agree to similar inspection, India will not do so.

Ziaul Haq Speaks to Newsmen on Election Plans

BK061538 Karachi Domestic Service in Urdu 1500 GMT 6 Aug 84

[Excerpts] President General Mohammad Ziaul Haq has said the program for holding the next general elections has been finalized and an announcement regarding this will be made just before the start of a short election campaign. He was talking to newsmen at Lahore airport after arriving from Islamabad for a short visit.

The president said under the current ban on the publication of political news no controversial statement can be published which may create differences and disunity. However, statements regarding election procedure and the 1973 Constitution can be published, and the fact is such statements are being published in various newspapers.

Asked whether he will be a candidate for the office of president, he said it is difficult to answer this without considering it seriously. He said foreign journalists had been asking him this question during their interviews and he had been telling them that he was always ready to serve the nation. However, he could not make a final decision in this connection before the announcement of the election program. The president said that on 14 August there will be updated news, but this news will not be of a political nature.

Iran's Sheykh ol-Eslam Pays Official Visit

Discusses Oil Exploration

GF061202 Karachi DAWN in English 2 Aug 84 p 10

[Text] Islamabad, Aug 1 — The visiting Iranian Deputy Foreign Minister, Mr H. Sheykh ol-Eslam, called on the minister incharge for petroleum and natural resources, Dr Mohammad Asad Khan here on Wednesday, and discussed matters relating to increasing cooperation in oil exploration.

Welcoming the guest, Dr Asad said that Pakistan attached great importance to the close relations between the neighbouring Islamic states and the cooperation in economic and technical spheres between Pakistan and Iran.

During the meeting, the two ministers agreed to share each other's experiences in scientific and technical fields, particularly in the field of oil exploration and petroleum technology.

The ministers agreed on the desirability of renewal of the contract for oil supplies from Iran, which expired in June this year.

Dr Asad offered the services of Pakistani experts to Iran in the field of petroleum, geology and geophysics.

The two ministers proposed that Pakistan and Iran should take active measures to launch joint petroleum exploration projects in Pakistan.

The petroleum minister accepted the invitation extended by the visiting deputy foreign minister on behalf of the Iranian oil minister to visit Iran.

Reciprocating the gesture, Dr Asad hoped that the Iranian oil minister would also visit Pakistan at a mutually suitable time.

The petroleum minister apprised the visitor about the difficulties of lifting oil from Iran in view of the present situation in the Gulf. The Iranian minister proposed that Iran would extend complimentary insurance coverage to vessels operating in the Gulf on behalf of Pakistan for the safety of the tanker and its contents.

The ambassador of Iran in Pakistan and senior officials of the Petroleum Ministry were also present on the occasion.

Delivers Letter From Khamene'i

GF061142 Karachi DAWN in English 3 Aug 84 p 1

[Text] Rawalpindi, Aug 2 — The visiting Iranian deputy foreign minister, Sheykh ol-Eslam called on president Gen Mohammad Ziaul Haq at the CMLA [Chief Martial Law Administration] secretariat here on Thursday afternoon. He delivered a letter from President Khamene'i of the Islamic Republic of Iran, to the president. The Iranian deputy foreign minister exchanged views on international, regional and bilateral issues. He expressed satisfaction over his talks with the Pakistani officials and hoped that friendly relations between the two brotherly countries would further be consolidated in the year ahead.

The president also expressed satisfaction over the growth of relations between the two countries and hoped that the forthcoming meeting of the joint ministerial committee meeting in Islamabad next month would take concrete measures for further strengthening of existing bilateral relations.

Later, addressing a press conference at the Iranian ambassador's residence here on Thursday evening, H. Sheykh ol-Eslam said that the visit would take place at the invitation of Iranian Foreign Minister 'Ali Akbar Velayati. He said the Pakistan-Iran joint commission would meet in Islamabad in the near future. The finance minister, Ghulam Ishaq Khan, will lead the Pakistan delegation at the meeting.

Replying to a question about the recent talks between Iranian and Pakistani officials held in Quetta, he said these dealt at length with illegal crossings from the border and also the activities of bandits who operated across the Iran-Pakistan border in Baluchistan.

He termed the talks as successful.

Asked whether Iran had recently expelled some Afghan refugees and handed them over to the Kabul regime, the Iranian deputy foreign minister said such reports were incorrect. He said Iran had recently taken action against some of the international smugglers and drug traffickers.

Answering another question, he denied the existence of any contact over the Afghan issue between the Iranian Government and the Soviets and through them with the Kabul regime. He said Iranian policy on the Soviet intervention in Afghanistan had been consistent from the very beginning.

Expansion of Trade Viewed

GF061154 Karachi DAWN in English 3 Aug 84 p 3

[Excerpts] Islamabad, Aug 2 — Iran is keen on expanding economic, trade and commercial relations with Pakistan.

This was stated here on Thursday by Mr Sheykh ol-Eslam, deputy foreign minister of Iran, while talking to the federal minister for finance, Mr Ghulam Ishaq Khan.

The Iranian minister said that the cultural, historical and religious bonds between the two countries necessitated the advancement of economic and trade relations, and added "we are fully prepared to enhance these relations."

He said there was a wide scope for expanding the volume of economic cooperation between the two countries, and expressed satisfaction that the quantum of bilateral trade had increased considerably during the last few years.

Reciprocating the gesture, Mr Ishaq also expressed satisfaction at the increase in bilateral relations, and appreciated the fact that in the recent past, Iran had emerged as the largest importer of Pakistani goods. He said that Pakistan, too, was eager to promote trade and commercial ties with Iran. In this connection he pointed out that Pakistan was ready to supply more urea to Iran. He also expressed satisfaction at the smooth deal with Iran on export of Pakistani rice.

Mr Ishaq said Pakistan was encouraging the private sector to import more Iranian goods. In this connection he stressed the need for better transportation facilities by road. He suggested a Pakistan-Iran agreement on transportation of goods by truck, on the lines of shipping agreement. Such agreement would boost trade between the two countries, he added.

The finance minister also appreciated Iran's initiative for revival of the regional cooperation for development (RCD).

The Iranian deputy foreign minister for political affairs Mr Hoseyn Sheykh ol-Eslam said during his meeting with President Mohammad Ziaul Haq today he has delivered a written message to him from President Khamene'i of Iran.

He told a news conference in Islamabad on Thursday that during his meeting with the president lasting more than an hour, bilateral and international matters came up for discussions. He also sought Pakistan's support for Iran's appeal to the United Nations to expel Israel from the world body.

Press Conference Ends Visit

LD040907 Tehran IRNA in English 0730 GMT 4 Aug 84

[Excerpt] Islamabad, Aug. 4, IRNA — Meanwhile, in a press conference here at the end of his visit to Pakistan, Friday, Sheykh ol-Eslam said that in his meetings with Pakistani officials, they also discussed Saddam Husayn's crimes and Iraq's deployment of chemical weapons and his adventurism in the Persian Gulf. They also conversed upon issues on bilateral relations.

Sheykh ol-Eslam, referring to the silence of the Peace Committee of the Islamic Conference Organisation concerning Saddam's crimes, said that the committee is not qualified to fulfill its committments.

In reply to questions, he said that Iran was ready to sell oil to Pakistan and the deputy oil minister of Pakistan is due to visit Iran for signing a contract in this respect.

He added that Pakistan's position concerning the Iraqi imposed war should be supportive of the righteous stand of the Islamic Republic of Iran and because Saddam started the war by its inhumane actions and violation of international regulations, the world should support justice.

President Zia To Address Nation on 14 August

GF041303 Rawalpindi HAIDAR in Urdu 25 Jul 84 p 1

[By Nasim Seemab]

[Text] Rawalpindi, 24 July — Preparations to celebrate Pakistan's independence day in a grand manner on 14 August are under way. President Ziaul Haq will participate in the lavish ceremony and address the nation. It is expected that he will express his opinion on important national and international events. Foreign diplomats are expected to be invited to this ceremony and the whole nation will join in the singing of the national anthem. 14 August will be a public holiday and the day will begin with the firing of a 31-gun salvo in the federal capital and 21-gun salvos in the provincial capitals.

Foreign Secretary on Visit to East Europe

BK041211 Karachi Domestic Service in English 1005 GMT 4 Aug 84

[Text] The foreign secretary, Mr Niaz A. Naik, who returned to Islamabad this morning after an 8-day tour of East Germany, Poland, Hungary and Austria, has described his visit as successful.

Talking to newsmen at the airport, he said during his consultations in East Berlin, Warsaw and Budapest it had been agreed that bilateral consultations at foreign secretaries level will be institutionalized. He said all these countries have expressed their interest in development of bilateral relations with Pakistan.

It had been decided that efforts should be made to identify projects in Pakistan's sixth 5-year plan which could serve as vehicles for further economic cooperation between Pakistan and the East European countries. He said the minister for industries, Mr Elahi Bux Soomro, accompanied by a delegation of the Pakistan Chambers of Commerce and Industry would be visiting Hungary for this purpose from the 12th to the 16th of this month.

Similar visits to other East European capitals are also expected.

Speculation on Karmal's Death Reported

GF061300 Lahore NAWA-E WAQT in Urdu 1 Aug 84 p 1

[Text] Peshawar, 30 July — It has not yet been confirmed whether Babrak Karmal, who had been wounded and sent to Moscow for treatment, is alive or not. Radio Kabul has maintained silence on the subject.

According to reports from Kabul and Jalalabad, Babrak Karmal's potraits have been removed from official places, which has created doubts about his being alive.

Delhi: Court To Try 50 in Punjab Violence

BK050714 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0240 GMT 5 Aug 84

[Text] In Pakistan, 50 people lodged in different jails in Punjab Province for their alleged subversive activity would be tried by a special military court in Lahore shortly. According to an official spokesman, all of them are members of the Al-Zulfiqar organization. The organization is headed by the two sons of the former Pakistan prime minister, Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto.

AFP: Bhutto Supporters Executed

BK061419 Hong Kong AFP in English 1353 GMT 6 Aug 84

[Text] Islamabad, Aug. 6 (AFP) — Two supporters of former Premier Zulfikar Ali Bhutto's Pakistan People's Party (PPP) were executed in Kot Lakhpat Jail, Lahore, today on charges of carrying out terrorist activities, jail sources said.

Idrees Tooti, 21, and Usman Ghani, 20, were sentenced to death by a military court in Lahore which found them guilty of murdering a police officer in Rawalpindi in December 1982. An accomplice, Idrees Beg, will be hanged in Rawalpindi jail on Thursday, the sources said. The three condemned to death were accused of having joined the terrorist band Al-Zulfikar led by Mr Bhutto's sons Shahnawaz and Murtaza who had their organisation's headquarters in Kabul.

The execution orders were opposed by lawyers, trade union leaders and politicians and appeals were reportedly sent to international organisations to seek clemency for the convicts whom they described as political prisoners. Meanwhile press reports said that a special military court has been set up in Lahore under an Army brigadier for the trial of another 21 Bhutto supporters identified as members of Al-Zulfikar group.

NEPAL

Iran's Sheykh ol-Eslam Talks With Officials

GF040718 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 0430 GMT 4 Aug 84

[Excerpt] Deputy Foreign Minister Hoseyn Sheykh ol-Eslam arrived in Katmandu, Nepal, yesterday on a 24-hour visit to hold talks with the authorities of this country in connection with the expansion of bilateral relations.

Soon after his arrival he held talks with the prime minister and minister of foreign affairs of Nepal. Views were exchanged on matters of mutual interest and on regional and international affairs.

Sheykh ol-Eslam explained to the authorities of this country the steps taken by the Islamic Republic for ending the war with Iraq and the efforts made by Tehran toward a peaceful solution of this war.

SRI LANKA

Security Forces Clash With Terrorist Groups

BK061109 Colombo International Service in English 1030 GMT 6 Aug 84

[Text] Several incidents between the security forces and terrorist groups are reported in the Jaffna peninsula and Oddusuddan in the Mullaittivu district. About 60 persons attacked Oddusuddan police station yesterday. As a result, two policemen died and some were injured. In the Valappadupuri area, terrorists ambushed security forces using a booby trap. In this incident one police officer died and two others were injured. In the ensuing skirmishes, several terrorists were killed; the number is still not known.

In the Jaffna town, terrorists using bombs and grenades attempted to prevent the removal of the injured armed personnel and the dead from the Jaffna hospital to the Palali airport for dispatch to Colombo. According to informed sources, this inhuman conduct by the terrorists of preventing injured being taken to the hospital is unheard of in the civilized world. Security forces were compelled to open fire so that the injured people and the dead could be removed. Heavy weapons had to be used to repel the terrorists in order to save the injured and get them safely to Colombo.

Operation Against Militants Continues

BK070843 Hong Kong AFP in English 0825 GMT 7 Aug 84

[Excerpt] Colombo, Aug 7 (AFP) — A massive combined Army and Navy operation against suspected Tamil militants in northern Sri Lanka continued today, centering on Jaffna, the northern capital.

Yesterday at least 22 Tamil separatist suspects were killed, 11 wounded and more than 300 people arrested in the towns of Velvettithurai and Mullaithivu, the state ministry said.

Unconfirmed reports said there were also civilian casualties.

The ministry confirmed that navy patrol boats opened fire on suspected Tamil militants on beaches around Velvettithurai and destroyed "a large number" of fishing boats.

Police claim that the 20-feet (six metres) fishing boats are used frequently to ferry Tamil militants between Sri Lanka and southern India as well as for drug running and smuggling.

There were no details of how many security forces were involved in the operations to flush out Tamil militants campaigning for autonomy. But since Saturday six security personnel have been killed, officials said.

In Jaffna today, a Tamil stronghold, residents contacted in the 800,000 population city said that many shops were closed and streets were mostly deserted.

Early today suspected militants raided a bank and blasted the safe into the street outside, a reporter in the city said.

National Security Minister Lalith Athulathmudali admitted that the situation in the north was "tense" but maintained that it was "under control."

(In New Delhi *THE TIMES OF INDIA* said that helicopter gunships and cannons mounted on armoured cars had been used yesterday to shell areas around Jaffna and that naval boats had shelled Velvettithurai. It said at least 10 Sri Lankan servicemen were killed and 100 civilians.

(The paper also said places of worship and schools were damaged in the shelling and more than 2,000 people, mostly Tamils, made homeless).

(Another paper, *THE HINDUSTAN TIMES*, and that Velvettithurai had become a ghost town with Tamil residents fleeing for neighbouring areas following "large scale violence.")

Authorities in Colombo refused to comment on the Indian press reports.

There is little news available on security force activities in the north since journalists cannot go there and all queries are referred to the state ministry here.

Khomeyni Receives Prime Minister, Others

LD061124 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1034 GMT 6 Aug 84

[Text] The prime minister, Mr Mir-Hoseyn Musavi, was this morning received in audience by Imam Khomeyni, the leader of the revolution and the founder of the Islamic Republic of Iran. The prime minister presented a report to the imam of the nation on general and political issues of the country and also on his decision to present his Cabinet to the Majlis. In the course of this meeting it was agreed that part of the assets and properties owned by the Foundation for the Oppressed in various places should be transferred to charities and cultural institutions.

Also this morning, families from Bakhtaran of martyrs, POW's, and missing-in-action, accompanied by deputies of Bakhtaran in the Majlis, as well as Seyyed Hadi Khamene'i, the representative of Grand Ayatollah Montazeri in the university jihad, met with Imam Khomeyni at Hoseyniyeh-e Jamaran. During this meeting Mr Karrubi, the imam's representative and the head of the martyr's foundation of the Islamic Revolution, paid tribute to the audience on behalf of the imam of the nation. Afterward the imam of the nation acknowledged the sentiments expressed by the audience.

Radio Iran on Meetings

GF061627 (Clandestine) Radio Iran in Persian 1330 GMT 6 Aug 84

[Text] In order to dispel the rumors pertaining to Khomeyni's illness, this morning a hasty display was rigged up in Jamaran. The government's radio claimed that a group of hezbollahis and the prime minister visited Khomeyni this morning. Nationalist elements say that a film on a visit by hezbollahis to Khomeyni may be shown on television.

Armed Forces Joint Staff Communique No 1,811

LD061549 Tehran IRNA in English 1534 GMT 6 Aug 84

[Text] Tehran, Aug. 6, IRNA — The enemy forces sustained more than 30 slain and wounded as well as the destruction of 12 group and individual bunkers and three loaders and trailers in the operational regions of Marivan during the preceding 24 hours, announced the Joint Staff Command Communique No. 1,811 issued Monday.

The communique further said that the Islamic combatants con trolled the activities and movements of the enemy in the western border fronts of Ilam and Bakhtaran. At least 6 Iraqis were killed or wounded and 11 light and heavy weaponry positions, two observation posts and one truck of the enemy were set ablaze.

In the border region of Qasr-e Shirin at 11:15 hours local time (07:45 GMT), an enemy patrol unit was repelled by the heavy gunfire of Islamic combatants.

In the southern fronts, exchange of fire was more intense in Shahrani, Zayd, Zubaydat and Khorramshahr. A number of enemy troops were killed or wounded while a considerable number of Iraqi group and individual bunkers were knocked out in Bayat and Zubaydat fronts.

In Arvand River region, the Iraqi engineering activities were halted and one munitions depot, and more than 10 weaponry positions and observation posts and one vehicle were set ablaze while several enemy soldiers were killed during the said period.

Abadan was barraged by Iraqi long-range heavy gunfire Sunday as a result of which two civilians were martyred and two others wounded while ten shops were damaged, concluded the Joint Staff Command communique.

Mobilized Groups Leave for Battlefront

GF040708 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 0430 GMT 4 Aug 84

[Text] In continuation of the departure of vigilant people of various sections of our country to the battlefronts against the Zionist enemy, during the last few days a large number of self-sacrificing groups of mobilized personnel and members of the Guards Corps of the Islamic Revolution from the cities of Shiraz, Borujen, Kerman, and Bojnurd left for the battlefronts to face the elements of the world heretics and to support the other combatants of Islam. They were given a warm sendoff by the hezbollahi people of their cities.

Khamene'i on Links With Portugal, Europe

LD051341 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1030 GMT 5 Aug 84

[Text] President Seyyed 'Ali Khamene'i this morning received the new Portuguese ambassador. During the meeting [Fernando Pinto] dos Santos, Portugal's new ambassador to the Islamic Republic of Iran, presented his credentials to our country's president and said: It is a great honor to be chosen as Portugal's ambassador to Iran. Referring to the change in the European attitude toward the Islamic Revolution and the nation of Iran, he added: In my view the main task of foreign ambassadors in Iran is to familiarize their own countries with the Islamic Revolution and the Islamic Republic of Iran.

Expressing satisfaction with the presence of the Portuguese ambassador in Iran and referring to the possibility of expanding links and political relations between the two countries, Khamene'i said: We welcome the expansion of links between Iran and Portugal as long as they are combined with respect for the integrity of the Iranian nation. In the course of history our nation has faced two different approaches from the European countries. In the first wise and respectful approach, the rights of a nation, the inhabitants of a great land and inheritors of an ancient race and a sound culture were fully recognized. The second approach was a hegemonistic attitude without proper recognition of the rich and great culture of this great nation. Khamene'i went on: Unfortunately during the past 100 years the European countries have chosen the second approach in their dealings with our nation and country.

In continuation of his remarks, our country's president added: Nations have long memories. We believe that in order to win the trust of our nation the European countries must undergo a long period of open friendship and sincerity. Referring to the readiness of European governments and states to win the trust of the great nation of Iran, Khamane'i emphasized: We always take a fair view of logic and our attitude toward it is to accept it and remain sincere in return. In conclusion our country's president stressed expansion of relations between Iran and Portugal.

Khamene'i Addresses Envoys on Foreign Relations

LD061418 Tehran IRNA in English 1332 GMT 6 Aug 84

[Text] Tehran, Aug. 6, IRNA — President 'Ali Khamene'i said here today that the relations of the Islamic Republic of Iran with foreign countries are based on Islamic ideology. He further added that we must have ties with governments on an Islamic, revolutionary and rational basis.

The president, who was speaking to a group of ambassadors, charges d'affaires and diplomatic representatives of Iran in Asia and Oceana, who are currently in Tehran attending a seminar, further added that there were two objectives behind establishing such relations. The first one was to establish reciprocal ties for securing the needs of the country.

The second motive, he added, was that it will enable us to convey our message. "Even if we were able to meet all our needs and expectations domestically, we should not close the doors of the country," he stressed.

Further in his speech, the president said that world big powers were obstacles in the way of Iran for establishing relations with other governments. We have no doubt, he stressed, that the world-dominating powers are afraid of and concerned with the powerful diplomacy of Iran. This was because through diplomacy we could convey our message, and elevate the position of the country among the world commnity, noted the president.

Despite massive propaganda against the Islamic Republic of Iran, the world oppressors were deeply worried about Iran and were afraid that its revolutionary ideas would spread to the areas under their domination.

Further, on the foreign policy of Iran, he said that Iran definitely supported expansion of its relations with all countries except for those, which on the basis of our ideology and principles, have been prohibited. It is natural, he continued, that we cannot have ties with oppressive governments such as the U.S. Administration, the apartheid regime of South Africa and the regime occupying Al-Quds, and overall with those which pursue the same policies as hostile powers. "We cannot have friendly relations with such countries," he stressed. Continuing his remarks on the same subject, he added that Iran seeks to have rational, sound and healthy relations with all countries and added that this was the expressed wish of Imam Khomeyni. In the foreign policy area, the imam is of the opinion that Iran should have healthy relations with all countries which are willing to have such ties, except for those that we have excluded from our list, the president added.

Imam Khomeyni's line in the foreign policy area is healthy and rational relations with all countries with which we have no hostility, and the neighbouring Muslim countries and the Third World countries in particular. One element of such relations is making the Islamic Revolution of Iran known, the president added.

Most of the tension in Iran's relations with certain countries are caused by big powers and the tension in Iran's relations with some of the neighbouring Persian Gulf countries [is] one such example. The big powers, he pointed out, have been trying to make these countries afraid of the Islamic Republic of Iran. To this end once in a while an excuse has been created to impede the flourishing of relations, he concluded.

Sheykh ol-Eslam Returns From Asian Visits

LD070741 Tehran IRNA in English 0720 GMT 7 Aug 84

[Text] Tehran, Aug. 7, IRNA — Deputy foreign minister in charge of political affairs, Hoseyn Sheykh ol-Eslam, concluded his one week visits to Pakistan, Nepal, and Bangladesh and returned to Tehran Monday.

Sheykh ol-Eslam presented messages from Iranian President 'Ali Khamene'i to the presidents of the visited countries.

In his visit to Nepal, he discussed the expansion of political ties of the Islamic Republic with that country.

At Mehrabad Airport after his arrival, Sheykh ol-Eslam, talking to IRNA called his visits successful.

He said that one of the objectives of his visit was harmonizing projects on the expulsion of the Zionist regime from the United Nations, and the Islamic Republic decided to bring up the subject in the upcoming General Assembly.

Last year, 42 countries voted for the expulsion of the Zionist regime and he hoped that the number will be adequate for the subject.

He said that other issues of mutual interests in the field of industry, agriculture and oil were also discussed, adding that Iran renewed its oil agreement with Pakistan.

He added that he extended invitations to foreign ministers of Pakistan and Nepal to travel to Iran for further talks on mutual interests.

Kho'iniha Urges Pilgrims To Protest 'World Powers'

LD031444 Tehran IRNA in English 1310 GMT 3 Aug 84

[Text] Tehran, Aug 3 IRNA — In a seminar on hajj with a group of disabled Muslim combatants and relatives of the martyrs of the Islamic Revolution, and of the Iranian POW's and also relatives of missing Muslim combatants here yesterday, Imam Khomeyni's representative for pilgrimage affairs Hojjat ol-Eslam Kho'iniha called on the intending group of pilgrims to regard Mecca and hajj as a forum for raising high a voice of

protest against the supercilious world powers. Kho'iniha said the martyrs of the Islamic Revolution and their noble relatives have been doing a much significant task in the interest of Islam and for the Islamic Republic as did Imam Husayn and his fellow-combatants in their struggle against Yezid and his likes.

Kho'iniha reminded that hajj is a universal congregation of Muslims, which they attend also for the purpose of learning about the status and well being of each other, and that it provides the ideal opportunity for Iran's pilgrims to convey the message of Iran's Muslim fighters and of its martyrs to the world Muslims.

He also called on intending pilgrims to make sure that their behaviour during the hajj rituals will be exemplary and a true illustration of the conduct of Iran's Muslim people.

First Group of Pilgrims Leaves for Jidda

LD041432 Tehran IRNA in English 0945 GMT 4 Aug 84

[Text] Tehran, Aug 4, IRNA — The first group of Iranian hajj pilgrims left here for Jidda, Saudi Arabia, this morning after a ceremony held at Tehran's Mehrabad Airport attended by Ershad Islami (Islamic Guidance) Minister Hojjat ol-Eslam Hohammad Khatami.

Addressing the gathering, Khatami noted that hajj pilgrims should realize that while though subserviency towards God was being observed during hajj rituals, hatred of Muslims vis-a-vis crimes committed by the superpowers and enemies of God should be shown as well.

Meanwhile, Imam Khomeyni's representative and head of Iranian hajj pilgrims, Hojjat ol-Eslam Musavi Kho'iniha, said that the dispatch of 150,000 hajj pilgrims by the Islamic Republic was an indication of the government giving priority to religious affairs.

Some 15 flights from four cities will take 5,600 pilgrims to Jidda every day. Last week, some 5,224 staff and managers of hajj caravans left Tehran for Jidda with 13 flights.

KEYHAN AL-'ARABI on Mining of Suez

GF061118 Tehran International Service in Arabic 0800 GMT 6 Aug 84

[From the press review]

[Text] The newspaper *KEYHAN AL-'ARABI* carries an editorial on the mining of the Gulf of Suez and the Red Sea. The editorial says in part: No matter who has perpetrated the mining of the Suez Canal, it is incontrovertible that those who try to escalate tension in the Persian Gulf to the utmost limit and to accuse the Islamic Republic of Iran of being opposed to peace and reconciliation and hold it responsible for the complications brought about by the war — are themselves trying to place responsibility for the explosions in the Suez Canal on Iran so as to incite public opinion against the Islamic Republic.

All this has been used to justify attempts to prevent the Islamic Republic of Iran from exercising its right of continuing the imposed war until it achieves its just conditions.

We are not surprised that sides well-known for their hostility, such as the CIA, attribute the existing tension in the Suez to the Islamic Republic of Iran. This accords with its habit of fabricating crises and unrest in numerous parts of the world and placing the blame on Iran in order to attain its goals. We warn against linking the Suez incidents with the imposed war, and warn against providing the Egyptian regime with a feeble justification to become involved in the war issue and to be appointed a judge in this war. Everyone knows that this regime has lost its objectivity because of its direct involvement with the aggressor since the beginning of the war. This regime never misses the opportunity to exploit the situation. Using the Camp David accord, it attempts to capitalize on the war to reach all Arabs, granting itself a leading role in the region.

The paper went on to say: It is credulity and stupidity to think that it is possible to veil the facts so easily. Those in charge of the Suez Canal had better get the full facts before launching daily claims that could cost them dearly in terms of their prestige and the prestige of the canal. If some want to exploit the Suez incident in order to level their arbitrary accusations, then they had better reveal the truth without any prevarication, or suspicions will be raised of their own involvement in the incidents.

Tehran Commentary Lauds Red Sea Mining

GF062027 Tehran International Service in Arabic 1730 GMT 6 Aug 84

[Unattributed commentary]

[Excerpts] All the arrogant powers are standing helpless and are unable to save the dozens of ships which are facing destruction in the Gulf of Suez and the Red Sea every day. They have been unable to do anything except watch thousands of tons of their merchandise sink into the waters of the Red Sea. Their attempts to safeguard the navigation lines have failed. The sea teams and highly experienced mine-sweeping experts have failed to postpone the unavoidable destiny of the many ships which encoutered the mines laid by a revolutionary Muslim organization. This incident added to the chain of failures experienced by the arrogant powers in our Islamic region since the blow dealt by the Islamic Jihad Organization in Beirut.

Previously, this organization managed to wipe out the U.S. role in Lebanon and wound the heart of the enemy with only one operation and with only one of its members killed. Today, the organization is chasing the U.S. interests from one location to another, imposing surrender and incapacity as a matter of course. These events may set the stage for a new form of international law, which will not allow power to confront the will of nations. Some of the nations which are still burdened by slavery may find in this law an effective weapon to use in the bitter struggle against the powers of slavery and arrogance. Perhaps they might be victorious if they use the law properly. One person of will can change an historical equation and can change a law which is imposed on the people by force. This person can change the face

of the map. The world has never been able to break the will of the human being. The human being, no matter how meager his material possessions might be, has a strong will. He is stronger than all the destructive weapons which the arrogance possesses.

Throughout history the will of the suffering Muslim has managed to confront the mighty materialist powers and the advanced weapons of arrogance with determination and bravery. It has managed to defeat these powers which outmatched it a hundredfold. With minor sacrifices, it managed to change the biggest political equation for which the arrogance mobilized all its material capabilities. Due to this brave confrontation, the Islamic land has become forbidden to the colonizers and the invaders. Today, our seas and our waters have also become forbidden. These waters carry the elements of death and destruction for the interests of arrogance. Now Washington, Paris, and London will not be able to find a secure place to stand on so as to achieve their scornful goals.

Earthquake in Kerman Area, No Casualties

LD061434 Tehran IRNA in English 1420 GMT 6 Aug 84

[Text] Tehran, Aug. 6, IRNA — An earthquake measuring 5.8 on Richter scale shook the Kreman area, 680 kms southeast of Tehran, at 14:45 hours local time, the Tehran Geophysics Centre announced today.

The Gendarmerie commander of the Kerman area, contacted by IRNA said that there have been no reports so far on casualties or damages in the area struck by the quake.

Radio Iran Broadcasts Bakhtiar Message

GF051733 (Clandestine) Radio Iran in Persian 1330 GMT 5 Aug 84

[Speech made by Dr Shapur Bakhtiar on the occasion of the anniversary of establishment of the constitutional monarchy in Iran on 4 August in Paris — recorded]

[Excerpts] Ladies and gentlemen. I feel it is my duty to give you, my friends, compatriots, and fellow combatants, a brief report on the latest activities within our dear country, Iran, and abroad.

I have made some useful trips to countries which are influential in the fate of the Persian Gulf. In those places I stated very clearly, in all aspects, all that pertained to the situation in Iran and the tyranny of the inhuman present administration which holds the reins of power. I reiterated whatever was necessary to explain the situation and describe the nature of the regime. I can assure you that the results of all the discussion regarding the deliverance of Iran from the (?clutches) of the mullahs were hopeful. I also repeatedly mentioned that Iran's freedom will soon be in the (?hands) of Iranians themselves.

Regarding our constant efforts and measures within the country, I am completely satisfied and will keep you informed of developments. At present, we are able to uproot the Khomeyni agents in most of the cities by means of internal uprisings, and to control the affairs of these cities. But until the plan for a total overthrow is complete, and it is being prepared within Iran, such uprisings might result in a civil war of attrition and might prevent a complete deliverance of Iran.

We have not given you any hopeful signs until now. Iranians within the country must understand our present problems and should know of our possibilities. On the day of the anniversary of the constitutional monarchy celebrations we must, more than anything else, speak of the selflessness of the people of Tabriz, Tehran, and all other areas.

The Iranian nation must know, judge, and differentiate among the proponents of constitutional monarchy, which group is sincere and is made up of impostors. My friends, do not ask of me — after 40 years of political life and struggle — to perform even the smallest task which might result in the establishment of dictatorship or corruption. I would prefer to spend my life in obscurity; I am not willing to ignore respect or consideration for others. I have freely opted for the monarchical regime for Iran on the basis of those reasons which I have repeatedly explained. Many friends have become alienated, and for a large group of youths my insistence was not acceptable. Some consider my insistence on monarchy my greatest fault. I do not mind this criticism because I consider this attitude useful for Iran. I will remain firm in my stance. Iran will never die!